

with his lecture he exhibited herbarium specimens of rare and interesting willows which grow in California. Doctor Ball is at the University of California this year as Research Associate in a Survey of Agricultural Activities, Bureau of Public Administration, Department of Political Science.

Mention of the proposed incorporation of the Society formed a feature of the programme and announcements made by Dr. Peirce were received with interest. He spoke on the advantages and the desirability of incorporation and named a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the change of the present Society to one having legal rights and legal coherency.

The arrangements for the evening were made by the dinner committee, Mr. H. L. Mason, chairman, Mr. H. E. McMinn, and Miss Lucile Roush. The floral decorations of budding *Salix*, fruiting *Equisetum*, and starry-flowered *Veratrum* provided by the committee were enhanced by the addition of some rare and beautiful types of *Arctostaphylos* and *Ceanothus* brought from the vicinity of Santa Rosa by Mr. Milo S. Baker.—JOHN THOMAS HOWELL.

#### NOTES AND NEWS

Professor A. C. Noé of the Department of Palaeontology, University of Chicago, lectured September 22 at the University of California on his investigations of the floras of the coal measures of Illinois.

Under the title "Important Browse Plants" the United States Department of Agriculture has issued a paper (Misc. Publ. 101) by W. A. Dayton as valuable as it is interesting on browse shrubs and woody plants. It is illustrated by 45 figures, and contains 213 pages and a bibliography.

The most recent issue of "Contributions from the Dudley Herbarium" of Stanford University is a systematic paper of 170 pages by G. T. Benson on "The trees and shrubs of western Oregon". Dr. LeRoy Abrams contributes a foreword on the fair promise of the young author who died April 16, 1928.

On July 25 Miss Alice Eastwood, Curator of the Herbarium, California Academy of Sciences, was struck by an automobile in San Francisco. She was badly bruised and a bone in her left knee was broken. The injuries are being auspiciously mended in a San Francisco hospital. Undoubtedly Miss Eastwood's courage and high spirits will aid in hastening complete recovery.—W. L. J.

Mr. John Thomas Howell, Associate Curator of the California Academy of Sciences Herbarium, has returned from a collecting trip to Oregon, Washington and Vancouver Island, thence east to Calgary, in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Elliott of Stavenage, England. He collected over 1500 specimens of vascular plants, besides many mosses and liverworts.